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Group Art Unit : 3731
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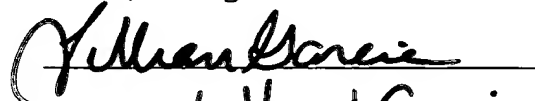
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;
☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Power
of Attorney; ☐ a Submission of Formal Drawings; to be filed
in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
☐ A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	-	27	* =	0	X	\$ 50	=	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	-	1	** =	0	X	\$ 200	=	\$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM							+ \$ 360	=	\$ 0.00

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EXTENSION FEE

- ☐ The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith: ☐ \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$2160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).
- ☐ A check in the amount of ☐ \$120.00; ☐ \$450.00; ☐ \$1020.00; ☐ \$1590.00; ☐ \$2160.00; in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated
November 16, 2004, applicants hereby amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.